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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY

PROGRAM: TRAVEL OF POLISH SCIENTIST TO ATHENS

REF: STATE 79803 (BEING REPEATED BONN, FRANKFURT)

1. REFTEL INVITES FOUR POLISH SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE GEODESY SYMPOSIUM IN ATHENS, GREECE, JUNE 12-22, 1973, WITH TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PAID BY SMITHSONIAN GRANT USING SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY (PL480).
2. AMONG THOSE INVITED IS DR. JANUSZ ZIELINSKI, INSTITUTE FOR GEOPHYSICS, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WARSAW. DR. ZIELINSKI PRESENTLY IS STUDYING AT THE INSTITUT ASTRONOMISCHE GEODESIE UND SATELLITEN- GEODESIE DER TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE DARMSTADT, WEST GERMANY. HIS PRIVATE ADDRESS IS NR. 9 LIEBIGSTRASSE, 6100 DARMSTADT, WEST GERMANY. COLLEAGUES HERE BELIEVE ZIELINSKI HOPES TO ATTEND THE ATHENS SYMPOSIUM, BUT HAVE NO DETAILS.
3. FOR BACKGROUND, SINCE ZIELINSKI IS NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN POLAND, THERE IS NO WAY EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE TO CONVERT PL-480 ZLOTIES TO DOLLARS TO PAY FOR COSTS OF HIS STAY IN

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GREECE UNLESS HE FIRST CAME TO WARSAW. MOREOVER,
IN ORDER FOR HIS TICKET TO BE PURCHASED USING PL-480 FUNDS
DR. ZIELINSKI WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL VIA WARSAW EITHER
ENROUTE ATHENS OR UPON RETURN TO DARMSTADT, ALTHOUGH TICKET
COULD BE ISSUED TO HIM IN DARMSTADT.

4. FOR FRANKFURT: ASSUMING SMITHSONIAN APPROVAL (SEE PARA FIVE,
BELOW), AND AT YOUR DISCRETION, REQUEST YOU CONTACT ZIELINSKI,
WHO SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH, BY PHONE TO PRESENT
SUBSTANCE THIS CABLE AND REFTEL. IN ORDER TO PRECESS THIS
MATTER FURTHER, EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW:

A. DOES ZIELINSKI HAVE SOME OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS,
OTHER THAN HIS OWN, TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS?

B. DITTO FOR COSTS OF STAY IN ATHENS?

C. IF ANSWER TO BOTH IS " NO" AND PROVIDED SMITHSONIAN
GRANT WERE USED TO BUY HIS TICKET,

-- COULD HE FIND ADEQUATE FUNDS FROM SOME OTHER
SOURCE (INCLUDING HIS OWN) TO PAY FOR STAY COSTS IN ATHENS,
WHERE OFFICIAL USG PER DIEM IS DOLLARS 25 PER DAY?

-- ASSUMING SMITHSONIAN WOULD AUTHORIZE ONLY ONE
STOPOVER IN WARSAW, COULD ZIELINSKI COME HERE BEVORE ATHENS?

D. IN VIEW OF REQUIREMENT THAT ZIELINSKI TRAVEL
THROUGH WARSAW AT SOME POINT IN HIS TRIP,

-- DOES HE FORESEE ANY DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING
SMITHSONIAN OFFER?

-- WOULD HE PREFER TO COME TO WARSAW BEFORE OR AFTER
ATHENS?

E. DOES ZIELINSKI FORESEE ANY OTHER DIFFICULTIES
WHICH MIGHT PRECLUDE HIS ACCEPTANCE, SUCH AS IN OBTAINING
GREEK VISA, PERMISSION OF POLISH ACADEMY OR OTHER AUTHORITIES,
ETC., AND IF SO, CAN HE SUGGEST HOW EMBASSY MIGH HELP IN
OVERCOMING THESE?

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST SMITHSONIAN ADVISE EMBASSY WARSAW
AND AMCONSUL FRANKFURT IMMEDIATELY WHETHER THEY WILL EXPAND
GRANT APPROVAL SLIGHTLY TO COVER ADDED TRANSPORTATION COSTS
FRANKFURT- ATHENS- WARSAW- FRANKFURT FOR ZIELINSKI. LOCAL PAN
AM WORLD AIRWAYS TELLS US THIS WOULD COST ONLY DOLLARS
35 TO 40 MORE THAN WARSAW- ATHENS- WARSAW FARE ALREADY AUTHORIZED
IN REFTEL.

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6. SMI MAY ALSO WISH TO NOTE DOBACHZEWSKA COMMENT THAT ATHENS
SYMPOSIUM IS FOR TEN DAYS, NOT SEVEN. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH
INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER INVITEES.
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